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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 2967

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, ID
SUBJECT: NEW PERTAMINA APPOINTMENTS

1. PERTAMINA PRESIDENT PIET HARYONO ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT MARCH 3 OF IR. D. ZAHAR TO KEY POSITION OF DIRECTOR, PERTAMINA'S FOREIGN CONTRACTORS COORDINATING BODY (BKKA). THIS OFFICE SUPERVISES, MONITORS, AND COORDINATES ACTIVITIES OF ALL FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES WHICH OPERATE UNDER PRODUCTION-SHARING CONTRACTS WITH PERTAMINA. ZAHAR REPLACES MAJ. GENERAL SOEKAMTO SAJIDIMAN WHO IS BEING MADE ADVISOR TO HARYONO ON TEMPORARY BASIS. ZAHAR PREVIOUSLY WAS SOEKAMTO'S DEPUTY.

2. ZAHAR'S STAR HAS RISEN QUICKLY SINCE TIME OF HARYONO'S TAKEOVER OF PERTAMINA REINS LESS THAN ONE YEAR AGO. DURING RECENT MONTHS, ZAHAR HAS SERVED AS CHIEF PERTAMINA NEGOTIATOR ON PRODUCTION-SHARING CONTRACT REVISIONS. HE ENJOYS GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH COMPANIES WHO RESPECT HIS FAIRNESS AND EVENHANDED APPROACH. HE HAS REPUTATION FOR HONESTY AND INTEGRITY. ZAHAR, WHO APPEARS HAVE FULL TRUST OF PERTAMINA POLICY FORMATION IN HIS NEW POSITION.

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3. COMMENT: WELL-INFORMED SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT APPOINTMENT WAS MADE OVER OPPOSITION OF SEVERAL IN GOI PARTICULARLY IN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT WHO FAVORED "GREEN SUITER" FOR JOB. PERTAMINA WAS ABLE TO OVERCOME THIS ON BASIS ZAHAR'S RECORD PLUS NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE IN THAT JOB WHO WAS BOTH TECHNICALLY COMPETENT

AND FREE FROM CHARGES OF CORRUPTION. FACT THAT ZAHAR
IS RELATED BY MARRIAGE TO ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF HASNAN
HABIB MAY HAVE HELPED HIS APPOINTMENT.

4. OTHER CHANGES INCLUDE APPOINTMENT OF TABRANI ISMAIL
AS DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM REFINERY DIVISION UNDER SINGGIH
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